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1. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me the Committee meetings will keep him occupied Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He will try to schedule Thursday to visit the Agency for briefing on the Agency budget and will advise me late in the day or tomorrow.

I met with Mr. Preston in the early afternoon and gave him a capsule briefing on the William Beecher article in yesterday's New York Times concerning a new Soviet ICBM.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Kuhl also gave me copies of Senate Report 92-754, Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972.

3. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the hearings scheduled for next week on position classification in the Federal Government (the Oliver Report) will probably have to be put over. Although the report has been at the White House for some time with Civil Service Commission's comments, it has not yet cleared.

As for the Hanley bill, on protection of rights of Federal employees, it will be one of two principal items on the regular meeting of the full Committee scheduled for Thursday, 4 May. In brief, there is a question whether there are sufficient votes to vote the Hanley bill out of the full Committee. I thanked Mr. Barton for the advice.

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4. (Secret - JMM) Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, called to say Chairman Ellender would like the Director to appear before the Intelligence Subcommittee on Friday, 5 May, to cover the community budget. The Chairman has set aside both morning and afternoon for this session.

The Chairman would also like the Director on the morning of Monday, 8 May, to cover the CIA budget.

I later met with Woodruff personally to brief him on information regarding the Soviet ICBM program and Woodruff recommended that the Director cover this briefly during his 5 May appearance with the Subcommittee.

5. (Secret - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, and Jim Woolsey, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding the Soviet ICBM program.

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6. (Secret - JMM) Received a call early this morning from Dorothy Fosdick, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, who said Senator Jackson had just called her regarding the William Beecher article in today's New York Times regarding a new Soviet missile and would like his staff briefed on this as soon as possible.

I later met with Miss Fosdick in the Senator's office and briefed her on our present assessment of the information mentioned in the Beecher article cautioning it was tentative and the Senator might find himself out on an embarrassing limb if he tried to draw firm conclusions from the information at this stage.

7. (Secret - JMM) Met with Senator Milton Young whom I briefed on latest information on the Soviet strategic missile program and the details of litigation regarding the Marchetti case. The Senator repeated his earlier complaint about not having been briefed in advance on this matter, remarking that the failure of DOD to alert him to a recent problem had cost the Department \$25. million. I explained that action in the Marchetti case was in the hands of the Department of Justice and we had no control over the timing.

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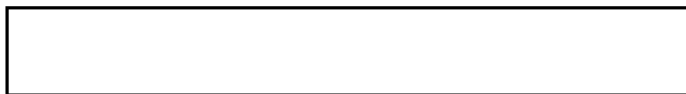
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9. (Confidential - JMM) Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Cooper bill to make intelligence material freely available to the Congress. Braswell pointed out that the bill when initially introduced was referred to the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees "jointly" thus calling for joint hearings. He said that in such circumstances hearings by the Foreign Relations Committee alone are invalid, and speculates that if he wishes, Senator Stennis can challenge any action by the Foreign Relations Committee on this basis. However, Braswell is not sure how Stennis plans to handle the matter.

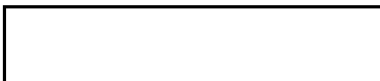
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